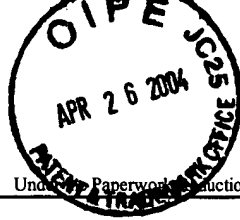


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/995,615
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	Group Art Unit	3727
	Examiner Name	MAI, TRI M.
	Attorney Docket Number	P56341

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

 iii. Other _____

b. **Enclosed**

 i. **Amendment/Reply** 04/27/2004 SDIRETA1 00000060 09995615

 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

 iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

 ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

 iii. Other _____

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